

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) Magneto-optical device comprising a magneto-optical read and/or a write head with a coil holder (6, 9) comprising a coil (5), and a means for generating a laser beam (1), wherein the laser beam is passed through an aperture (12) in the coil (5) during operation, which coil holder comprises a recess with a recess depth (h) at or around the position of the center of the coil, and a lens (4) extends, viewed from the disk, behind the coil so as to overlap the coil at least partly.
2. (original) Magneto-optical device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the recess is restricted to an area within the aperture in the coil.
3. (original) Magneto-optical device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the coil (5) is positioned in the recess.
4. (original) Magneto-optical device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the depth of the recess (h) is less than twice the free working distance (FWD).

5. (original) Magneto-optical device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the depth of the recess is less than the free working distance.

6. (currently amended) Magneto-optical device as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, characterized in that the depth of the recess (h) is more than half the free working distance.

7. (currently amended) Read and/or write head presenting all the features of the head disclosed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim 1 and being thus constructed and evidently intended for use in the magneto-optical device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim 1.